

Dancing for Girls, Says Miss Burchenal.
Takes the Place of Sports for Boys
—Evils of Dance Halls—The Remedy
to Be Found in Well Run Resorts.

The last general conference of the season under the auspices of the Charity Organization Society was held yesterday in the United Charities Building. The welfare of the child and the young people of both sexes from the point of view of recreation was discussed. The tone of most of the remarks was optimistic, only one speaker making depressing generalizations.

Miss Elizabeth Burchenal, inspector of athletics in the Department of Education, said that athletics may be said to have solved the boy problem in a measure.

"It has given the growing boy a lawful and wholesome outlet," she said, "for his inherited fighting instincts, his energy and youthful spirits. My task has been to try to provide something to take the place with the little girls growing up in the city."

Five years ago when the girls' branch of the Public Schools Athletic League was organized she had experimented with groups of girls in one of the largest schools of the city. She gave them athletic games and folk dancing, and she found immediately, she said, that the folk dancing appealed to the girls in almost the same intense way that athletics do to the boys. It was this discovery that led to the adoption of folk dancing by the girls' branch of the league as a "wholesome and useful form of recreational activity for girls."

"The league," she continued, "is now conducting free classes in folk dancing and athletics for girls, for public school teachers who in return keep the school playgrounds open after school and give the instruction to girls of their schools. This is a volunteer service, and yet this year more than 1,000 teachers entered the classes and as a result between 20,000 and 30,000 children are having folk dancing after school in more than 250 of the 500 schools of the city."

Mrs. Charles H. Isaacs, chairman of the committee on amusements and vacation resources of working girls, after observing that "the first desire of girls who work all day is not the making of shortwaists or the trimming of hats, but the desire for literary discussions with their own sex in the evening," and noting that there are in Manhattan and the Bronx "more than 30 opportunities for girls to dance and meet men in dance halls, dancing academies and so-called casinos," made the broad assertion that "there is an average attendance of about 150,000 women in these resorts that represent practically the whole adolescent youth," and added: "Practically the whole number of boys and girls reaching the working age and of the industrial population become frequenters of dance halls every year."

Mrs. Isaacs said further: "It is the girls of the ages of 11 and 20 who fill our reform institutions for women. Nearly all of 1,000 cases in the State Reformatory at Bedford began their careers in dance halls and resorts. The amusement problem has been commercialized by those who understand the girls between the ages of 11 and 20 from the human side."

"Model dance halls are part of a constructive policy. One is already established and is paying practically all of its running expenses. It needs only a guarantee fund of \$2,000 to carry it through to complete financial success. And a second one is now being organized to be in operation at a nearby beach resort during the summer on the lower East Side of New York next fall. The eventual remedy must be municipal recognition and the establishment of public opportunities for dancing in the city park system."

"A vacation bureau to be established this year will endeavor to centralize vacation efforts and to make a bureau of information of carefully investigated boarding houses at \$3.50 to \$4 a week. A vacation bank to be established in the fall will round out the effort in this direction."

The Rev. Dr. Richard Hodge Morse of Columbia University said that the heroic spirit which enabled a college captain to row a fourth mile in five minutes after the death of the third had been made by story. "Children at play," said he, "require minds stored with hero tales of this and other kind of physical courage, of moral courage, of fair play and self-restraint, of team work and devotion to a cause, of how to take victory and how to be good losers, of courtesy to opponents, of kindness in competition and love of cooperation in common effort."

"Sport, music and story are the three graces of the playground," he said, "and children can dance and sing or listen to a story. Story does not engage the muscles, but it does the mind, and more than music it enters the mind."

Howard Bradstreet, secretary of the Parks and Playgrounds Association, said that the free of recreation time represented many times more influence than the school or work time and that therefore a person interested in education from more than a book point of view was compelled to take cognizance of ball-rooms, Sunday papers, street games, motion pictures and the dance hall.

"While the child is compelled to go to school," he said, "often times the most effective part of his education should go on in the school building. It is necessary that these activities should be cared for, therefore, lest the child be exploited and that a constructive attitude be taken toward them."

The movement has, he said, begun which opens schoolhouses out of school hours and which looks forward to the same for working men and women of the city for decent enjoyment as is now given by commercial agencies for the questionable and the demoralizing."

ALDERMEN CHANGE MINDS.
Give Mitchell and Whitman Their Money
—Then Veto New Health Building
At the last meeting of the Board of Estimate President Mitchell of the Board of Aldermen got Borough President McAneny to transfer an unexpended balance of \$15,000 to him to increase his staff. The Aldermen had refused to grant the appropriation because Mr. Mitchell declined to promise that some of the money should go to men recommended by Tammany Hall. Yesterday the Aldermen voted the appropriation and they also voted the appropriation asked for by District Attorney Whitman for eight more assistants. Mr. Whitman's application also had been held up because he refused toicker with the Tammany leaders. No explanations are given.

The proposal to purchase the new building at the southwest corner of Irving place and Sixty-ninth street for \$750,000 to house the Tenement House, Building and Health departments was rejected by the Aldermen yesterday. The reason they give is that it costs too much.

Award of \$12,000 for W. L. Stockton's Death.
TRENTON, N. J., April 19.—Richard Stockton, as administrator of the estate of the late William L. Stockton of Newark, got a verdict for \$12,000 against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the United States Circuit Court today. William L. Stockton was killed at the Market street station of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Newark. The two counts upon which Judge Reinbach directed the jury to consider the company's liability were whether the station at Newark was properly safeguarded and whether the train which killed Mr. Stockton had been carefully operated.

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MAYOR APOLOGIZES FOR CITY.

Tells Schwannbecke Lieut. McCallie Exceeded His Powers

Police Commissioner Baker, Coroner Schwannbecke and Lieut. Timothy J. McCallie appeared before Mayor Gaynor yesterday morning in accordance with the Mayor's order. The Coroner told how last Saturday he was sitting as a Magistrate in the captain's room of the Sixty-first precinct station house examining witnesses in the case of Robert Fulton and that Lieut. McCallie came in and told him to get out. "Later," said the Coroner, "McCallie put him under arrest and brought him to the desk and afterward put him out and would not allow him to go on with the inquest."

Coroner Schwannbecke said he told the lieutenant he would complain to Inspector Flood, Commissioner Baker and the Mayor, whereupon McCallie said, according to the Coroner, he did not care a damn for Flood, Commissioner Baker or the Mayor, that he had got away with other things and could get away with this, whether they liked it or not. McCallie detained him in the station house for two hours, until Capt. Naughton of the precinct arrived and got away with the whole proceeding, said the Coroner.

The Mayor asked Lieut. McCallie if he did not know that the Coroner was a Magistrate and he said that he did not know that no policeman had right to interfere with the Court or a Magistrate in the performance of his duties and had no right to tell a Judge how loud or how low he should speak. He said he did not know that.

The Mayor said he could not deem it otherwise than a most extraordinary thing that a policeman should consider that he had a right to go into a court, whether a Magistrate's court or the Supreme Court, and take a Judge from the bench and put him out. He said he did not see how anybody on the police force could entertain such a dangerous notion as that in his head. He told the Coroner that an apology was due to him and that the Mayor and the Police Association on behalf of the city apologized to him.

Mayor Gaynor said to the Coroner: "I do not know how high you speak or how low in your court, but I should think that every one on the police force would know that no policeman has a right to go into your court to regulate your manners or to prevent you from conducting your business. It would be no more or less surprising if this officer had come in here yesterday and put me out of this room, nor would the offense have been any graver."

GAYNOR NETS SLEEPING COP.

One Who Passed a Night in a Theatre Suffers for It.

Mayor Gaynor recently asked Police Commissioner Baker to catch certain patrolmen who were in the habit of sleeping in an uptown theatre during the night and coming out in the morning. He got a communication from the Commissioner yesterday to the effect that Patrolman Max Widmer of the Twenty-ninth precinct was caught coming out of the theatre on the morning of April 15 after a long watch for him and that charges had been preferred against him for his delinquency from the force.

On information from the Mayor that policemen were also loitering and spending their time in an undertaker's place in Union street, Brooklyn, a watch was set there. Patrolman Thomas was found in the rear room. Charges have also been preferred against him and against Patrolman Thomas Blake, who was found standing for half an hour at the door of the said undertaker's shop.

CITY AND GAS SWAP CHECKS.

Balance of \$14,000,000 Transaction \$425,000 in the City's Favor.

After more than a two hours conference in the Comptroller's office with representatives of the lighting companies a partial settlement was effected yesterday of the claims which the city has against the companies for special franchise taxes and of the claims which the companies have against the city for public lighting bills. President George B. Cortelyou of the Consolidated Gas Company handed to Mr. Frederickgaert ten checks, totalling \$7,495,041, and the Comptroller on behalf of the city handed to Mr. Cortelyou a bundle of thirty-two checks aggregating \$1,900,041. The balance in favor of the city being \$23,306,131. The settlement left for future adjustment a claim of the city against the company for \$300,000 in corporation franchise taxes, and a claim of the company against the city for \$900,000 in small amounts.

The National City Bank's receiving department was kept open to permit of the deposit of the checks before closing. Both sets of checks were drawn on this institution.

INSURANCE CO. SANITARIUM.

Metropolitan Life Has Purchased Two Farms in Westchester County

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has purchased the Teed and Allen farms, comprising some 225 acres, in Somers Centre, Westchester county, on the Lake Mahopac branch of the Harlem railroad. It is the intention of the company to build a sanitarium on the property for the treatment of its employees having tuberculosis.

John D.'s Joke on the Reporters.

John D. Rockefeller went over to Hoboken yesterday to give a good-bye to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Parmelee Prentiss, who sailed on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Some of the ship news reporters went to Mr. Prentiss's cabin and had a talk with him and his wife. They did not notice Mr. Rockefeller sitting behind the door, but he noticed them and told them humorously afterward: "I feel hurt that you did not interview me. Mr. Rockefeller declined the invitation of a taxicab chauffeur to ride to the ferry and walked to the tunnel and paid his nickel."

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